

## HOW MĀUI PULLED UP THE HAWAIIAN ISLANDS.

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Māui is known as a *kalohe* (*naughty, mischievous*) boy. He likes to play tricks and this evening finds himself on the beach waiting for his brothers to return from their fishing. Māui asks the brothers if he may go fishing with them on the morrow. Their answer has always been an emphatic "NO!" but still he tries.

That day the brothers feel that since they have not been able to catch anything and they are good fishermen, they will allow Māui to come *holoholo* (*to go out, swim, run, to travel, cruisin', for pleasure*) with them.

*(You must understand that the Hawaiians do not say or even think about going fishing as to do so would alert the fish that someone was coming to get them and the fish would swim away)*

A very ecstatic young Māui runs to his hale and through the evening fashions a very special magic fishhook and line to catch the biggest fish anyone will have ever seen.

Quietly waiting the next morning, Māui and his brothers prepare to go *holoholo*. Now Hawaiians have two areas in which they go *holoholo*. One area is close to the shore, near reefs. The other area is deep-sea fishing. The brothers try fishing in these two areas but catch nothing. They turn to Māui and ask him why he is not fishing. He replies that this is not the right place. He points off to a northerly direction and the brothers start to paddle.

The sun is low in the sky when Māui stops his brothers and asks them to paddle for home. They are surely far from home, as they can no longer see the mountain tops ringed with a lei of aloha or smell the *limu* (seaweed) as the waves crash upon the shore. The brothers are told to paddle and not to look back. This they do into the night and as *Lā* rises in *Hikina* the brothers are sore and one by one they lay the paddles aside to stretch. In doing so, one turns his head around and his eyes fall on something large and dark. The next brother sees something massive, dark, and hairy! Each brother turns to see and in doing so they all stop paddling. Now if all the brothers stop paddling what happens to the motion of the boat?

Māui is infuriated and has a temper tantrum. "How dare you all do this to me! Now instead of bringing up the largest fish in the world, I have only eight little ones." And today they are named *Hawai'i*, *Maui*, *Moloka'i*, *Lāna'i*, *Kaho'olawe*, *O'ahu*, *Kaua'i*, and *Ni'ihau*. These are the eight main islands that make up the Hawaiian archipelago.